

Preliminary Amendment
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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends the original Abstract to produce a new amended Abstract that consists of one paragraph and fewer than 150 words. Amendment of the subject application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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RE: New U.S. Patent Application
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Title: "WRENCH"
Our Ref.: B-5142 621049-1

Please amend the original Abstract as indicated below.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (Amended)

A wrench includes a wrench body having a ring portion and a handle portion. A retainer that holds a plurality of wedge members [at predetermined intervals in a circumferential direction of the ring portion] is disposed inside the ring portion. Wedge guide grooves are formed on the inner circumferential surface of the ring portion [to be arranged at intervals corresponding to those of the wedge members]. Each of the wedge guide grooves has a free region which maintains the corresponding wedge member in a free state [in which the wedge member moves freely between a bottom surface of the corresponding wedge guide groove and the outer circumferential surface of a fastening member], and left-hand and right-hand wedge regions each of which maintains the corresponding wedge member in a caught state [in which the wedge member is caught between the bottom surface of the corresponding wedge guide groove and the outer circumferential surface of the fastening member]. The wrench is provided with a changeover mechanism for [operating the retainer. By use of the changeover mechanism,] moving the retainer [is moved] to a position at which the wedge member faces the corresponding free region, a position at which the wedge member faces the corresponding left-hand wedge region, or a position at which the wedge member faces the corresponding right-hand wedge region.